

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  QWEST CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. WRU-03-15-272
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**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER**

(Issued April 14, 2003)

On March 26, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements for the West Des Moines, Iowa, wire center. The requirements are outlined in various orders of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) relating to optimization of telephone numbering resources.

Qwest states it received a customer request for 2,000 consecutive direct inward dialing (DID) numbers in the West Des Moines wire center for implementation with the customer's new phone system. Qwest states that it cannot fulfill the customer's request without a new block of 10,000 numbers, sometimes referred to as a new NXX. Qwest submitted a request for a new NXX to NeuStar, Inc. (NeuStar), the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), in March 2003. NANPA denied Qwest's request because Qwest did not meet the months-to-exhaust threshold for the West Des Moines wire center.

The FCC has given states the authority to overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from a carrier based on the state's determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all available remedies. (See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)"4"). In addition, the FCC states that carriers may demonstrate the need for additional numbering resources by providing the state with documentation of a customer request and current proof of utilization in the rate center. (FCC 01-362, ¶ 64). The FCC is careful to point out, however, that states may not accommodate requests for specific numbers (i.e., vanity numbers), but may grant requests for customers seeking contiguous blocks of numbers. (Id.) Therefore, a statement by the carrier regarding the types of numbers being requested is necessary.

The information filed by Qwest in support of its request satisfies the requirements specified in the FCC's orders delegating waiver authority to the Board. Qwest has provided documentation of its customer's request for the 2,000 consecutive DID numbers, as well as statements regarding number utilization in the West Des Moines wire center. In addition, the Board notes that NeuStar's pooling administrator for Iowa confirmed there are sufficient blocks of sequential numbers available in the pool to satisfy the customer's request.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The request for waiver of the FCC's utilization threshold requirements

filed by Qwest Corporation on March 26, 2003, is granted as discussed in the body of this order.

2. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail a copy of this order to NewStar, Inc., 1800 Sutter Street, Suite 570, Concord, CA 94520, to the attention of Ms. Genevieve Paulino, Code Administrator.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer  
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.